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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SISTER CITY RELATIONS BETWEEN NDOLA AND
FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

1. SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF FT. WAYNE, INDIANA HAS DE-
SIGNATED NDOLA AS ITS FIRST CHOICE FOR A SISTER CITY
AFFILIATION IN AFRICA. THIS WELL ORGANIZED GROUP HAS EX-
PRESSED INTEREST IN NDOLA AND WOULD LIKE AN ASSESSMENT AS
TO INTEREST IN NDOLA IN DEVELOPING A MUTUALLY COMPATIBLE
SC PROGRAM.

2. SISTER CITY REPRESENTATIVE IS MEETING FEB. 12 WITH
ZAMBIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THIS
PROPOSAL.

3. FT. WAYNE IS A REGIONAL CENTER AND UNIVERSITY CITY WITH
CHIEF ECONOMIC BASE IN ELECTRONICS, TRUCKING, GASOLINE PUMPS
RAILROAD, MAGNETIC WIRE AND INSURANCE. GENERAL ELECTRIC,
CENTRAL SOYA, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, ETC., HAVE CORPORATE
OFFICES THERE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY INFORM APPROPRIATE NDOLA
CITY OFFICIALS OF FT. WAYNE'S INTEREST AND REQUEST THAT THEY
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BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF FT. WAYNE AS A SISTER CITY CHOICE.

MAYOR OF FT. WAYNE WILL ONLY ISSUE FORMAL INVITATION UPON
RECEIPT OF AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY FROM NDOLA. RESPONCE
REQUESTED ASAP SO THAT FT. WAYNE CAN PROCEED QUICKLY
TO ISSUE INVITATION. INGERSOLL

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